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SUBJ: RSO REALIGNMENT - AFRICA

1. REGRETTABLE THAT LUSAKA CANNOT ACCEPT AN RSO SINCE IT IS LOGICAL LOCATION FOR SE AFRICA.
2. ONLY OTHER CHOICE APPEARS ANTANANARIVO, BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:
 - A. GOOD AIRLINE SERVICE TO PORT LOUIS, VICTORIA, DAR ES SALAAM AND MAPUTO.
 - B. CHARGE' HAS VOLUNTARILY RAISED THE QUESTION.
 - C. TERRITORY TO BE COVERED WOULD BE ADEQUATE (ABOVE POSTS AND ZANZIBAR).
 - D. IMPOSSIBLE TO TRAVEL DIRECTLY NAIROBI - DAR ES SALAAM.
 - E. EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO SERVICE ANTANANARIVO AND PORT LOUIS OUT OF PRETORIA.

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3. WHILE THE MADAGASCAR GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERED RADICAL AND UNPREDICTABLE, THE SITUATION AT ABOVE POSTS WARRANTS SPECIALIZED ATTENTION BY A SECURITY OFFICER. GIVEN THE OBVIOUS EVENTS YET TO OCCUR IN S. AFRICA AND RHODESIA, WE WOULD BE ONE STEP AHEAD RATHER THAN THE POSSIBLE FATAL STEP BEHIND.
4. SINCE THERE IS A SOLID BASIS FOR AN ADDITIONAL RSO

POSITION, BELIEVE WE SHOULD FURTHER EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES
OF ANTANANARIVO. IF YOU AGREE, WOULD BE GLAD TO CONDUCT
ON-SITE EXPLORATORY SURVEY/DISCUSSION WITH POST OFFICIALS.
PLEASE ADVISE.
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